

PUBLIC NOTICE

October 30, 1998

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, CHARLESTON DISTRICT
Regulatory Branch, (Attn. Steven J. Coker)
334 Meeting Street, P.O. Box 919
Charleston, South Carolina 29402
(843-727-4330 or 800-208-2054)

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

The Corps published a supplemental notice in the October 14, 1998, *Federal Register* proposing additional restrictions to the NWP program. The Corps has also revised its schedule for developing the new and modified NWPs to provide the opportunity for additional public comment on the NWPs and regional conditions. In the October 14, 1998, *Federal Register* notice, the Corps announced its decision to extend NWP 26 until September 15, 1999, to ensure that this NWP is available until the new and modified NWPs become effective. In addition, the Corps announced its decision to withdraw the proposed NWP B for master planned development.

In the October 14, 1998, *Federal Register* notice, the Corps is proposing to limit the use of certain NWPs in waters of the United States within the 100-year floodplain. Maps published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency will be used to identify the extent of the 100-year floodplain. The Corps is also proposing to limit the use of NWPs in designated critical resource waters and in impaired waters. This will result in a delay in the schedule for issuing the new and modified NWPs.

The October 14, 1998, *Federal Register* notice is available for review at the Charleston District Regulatory Branch at the address given above, and at various public libraries, and is also available on the Internet at one or more of the following web sites.

<http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/>

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aaces002.html

<http://www.sac.usace.army.mil/permits/>

<http://wetland.usace.mil>

Comments on the proposed additional restrictions on the NWPs discussed in the October 14, 1998, *Federal Register* notice should be sent to the Office of the Chief of Engineers, Regulatory Branch (ATTN: CECW-OR), Washington, D.C. 20314-1000. Comments are due by November 30, 1998. For further information on the proposal published in the October 14, 1998, *Federal Register*, please contact Mr. David Olson or Mr. Sam Collinson, at (202) 761-0199.

For the proposed new and modified NWPs, except for NWP B, the Corps is continuing to review the comments received in response to the July 1, 1998, *Federal Register* notice and is preparing the final new and modified NWPs for publication in the *Federal Register* on March 6, 1999. The comments received in response to the October 14, 1998, *Federal Register* notice will be considered and incorporated into final new and modified NWPs.